GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CROSS BORDER TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government`s attention has been drawn to reports that the U.S. has offered rewards to Pak Government, if latter takes effective steps to prevent cross border terrorism against India;

(b) if so, the precise offer reportedly made by the U.S. to Pakistan; and

(c) the Government`s reaction thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)
(a) & (b) The United States has on a number of occasions called upon Pakistan to take effective steps against terrorist organisations operating out of Pakistan, including Lashkar-e-Toiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed, and check cross-border infiltration into India.The United States has not stated that it is offering rewards to Pakistan to take these steps.
(c) Government believes that it is the obligation of every State to deny support, sustenance and sanctuaries to terrorists and to do so without any expectation or receipt of any rewards.